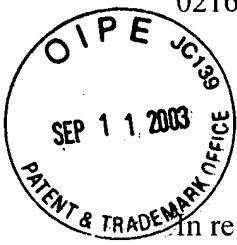


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated June 12, 2003 (Paper No. 9) in the above-identified application, as follows.